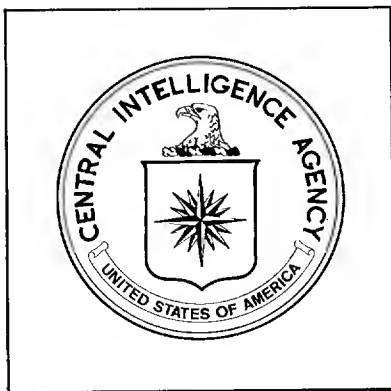


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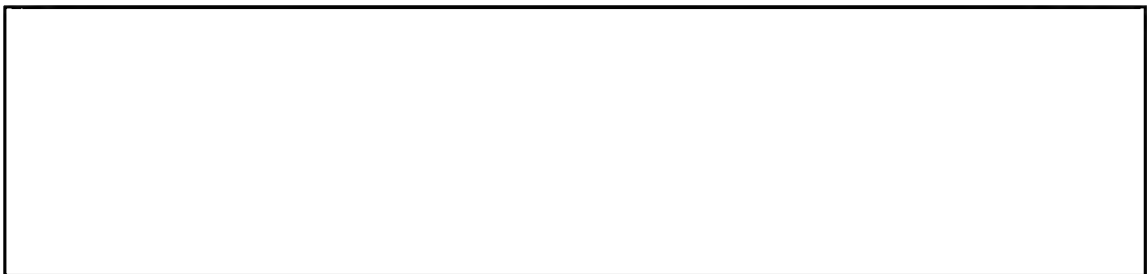
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Nationalist Preparations for Insurgency

Rival leaders of Rhodesia's African National Council recently threatened to resume full-scale guerrilla warfare if Prime Minister Ian Smith does not agree by October to a constitutional conference held outside Rhodesia.



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In Rhodesia's southeastern Victoria province, which borders on Mozambique, four local Council officials have been arrested for recruiting African students as guerrillas. Last week Rhodesian authorities imposed a curfew along Rhodesia's eastern border with Mozambique in an attempt to halt the increasing flow of recruits across the border.

The intensified recruiting efforts also reflect factional competition for control of the Council's liberation army, a force that is unified in name only. In Zambia, for example, the Zimbabwe African National Union and the Zimbabwe African People's Union maintain separate military bases, despite President Kaunda's efforts since March to suppress factionalism in the Council.

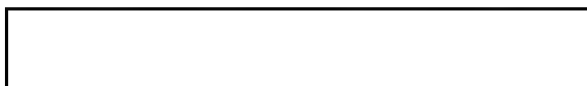
The militant National Union faction, responsible for most of the guerrilla units active in northeast Rhodesia since late 1972, commands the largest and most effective insurgent force. The comparatively moderate People's Union, which has fielded few guerrillas since 1970, is building up its forces to challenge the military predominance of its rival.

The arrival of recruits in Botswana from Rhodesia's northwestern provinces--where the People's Union draws

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most of its strength--indicates that the People's Union is pushing hard to catch up with its rival.

The recruiting activity in Victoria Province, on the other hand, seems likely to reinforce the National Union, most of whose recruits go directly to Mozambique through infiltration routes controlled by the National Union.



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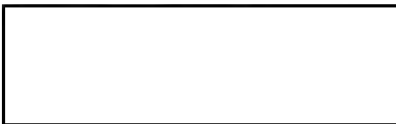


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